

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1 – 53 (Cancelled).

54. (New) A cosmetic treatment method for stabilizing, increasing or restoring collagen, comprising the steps of identifying a subject suffering from a collagen deficient condition and topically administering a pharmaceutical composition comprising an aromatase inhibitor in an amount sufficient to alleviate at least one symptom of said collagen deficient condition.

55. (New) The method of claim 54, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is administered topically.

56. (New) The method of claim 54, wherein the pharmaceutical composition further comprises a therapeutically effective amount of an anti-estrogen.

57. (New) The method of claim 54, wherein the pharmaceutical composition further comprises a therapeutically effective amount of a 5-alpha-reductase inhibitor.

58. (New) The method of claim 54, wherein administration of said pharmaceutical composition locally inhibits aromatase activity or locally inhibits the production and/or effect of estrogens.

59. (New) The method of claim 54, wherein administration of said pharmaceutical composition locally inhibits the production and/or the effect of dihydrotestosterone.

60. (New) The method of claim 54, wherein administration of said pharmaceutical composition locally inhibits aromatase activity and 5-alpha-reductase activity.

61. (New) The method of claim 54, wherein the aromatase inhibitor is a steroid compound.

62. (New) The method of claim 54, wherein the aromatase inhibitor is a sterol.

63. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein the sterol is isolated from soya glycines.

64. (New) The method of claim 63, wherein the sterol isolated from soya glycines is treated by oxidation.

65. (New) The method of claim 54, wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises between about 0.001 and about 5% by weight of said aromatase inhibitor.

66. (New) The method of claim 54, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is formulated for topical administration as an ointment, a cream, a gel, an oil, an emulsion or a lotion.

67. (New) The method of claim 54, further comprising stabilizing, increasing or restoring collagen in the skin of the subject.

68. (New) A method for the cosmetic treatment of wrinkles, striae or atony of the skin, comprising the steps of identifying a subject suffering from wrinkles, striae or atony of the skin and topically administering a pharmaceutical composition comprising an aromatase inhibitor in an amount sufficient to alleviate at least one symptom of said wrinkles, striae or atony.

69. (New) A method for the amelioration of sun exposure to the skin, the method comprising the steps of identifying a subject suffering from sun exposure to the skin and topically administering a pharmaceutical composition comprising an aromatase inhibitor in an amount sufficient to alleviate at least one symptom of sun exposure to the skin.